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The backlot at Kaufman Astoria Studios opened Tuesday. Dasha Polanco, left, from "Orange Is the New Black" was in attendance for the inauguration. The Netflix series is shot at the Queens studio. / GETTY IMAGES

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Quoted

"Why would he step down before Dec. 31? If that's his plan, he certainly hasn't shared it with me."

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, on Police Commissioner Kelly

Sen. Charles Schumer cuts the ribbon on the Kaufman Astoria Studios backlot while Grover from "Sesame Street" watches. / BESS ADLER, METRO

NYC film scene has a lot going for it

That's a wrap. A city known for its cramped living conditions and high real estate just got its first studio backlot.

New York City has taken another step toward establishing itself as a movie-making powerhouse.

On Tuesday, Kaufman Astoria Studios — production home of "Sesame Street" since 1992 — cut the ribbon on its 34,800-square-foot backlot on 35th Avenue in Astoria, Queens. It's the first studio backlot in the city.

"It's a game-changer for New York," said Sen. Charles Schumer, as the "Sesame Street" character Grover hovered over his shoulder at the ceremony.

The backlot will give shows a controlled space to shoot outdoors and create special effects.

Both the city and state have been pursuing various measures in the last few years to entice more productions to the area.

City government has also established incentives for the film industry through both the Mayor's Office of Film and Television and the City Council's Arts Committee, which Queens Councilman Jimmy van Bramer chairs.

Kaufman Studio's president, Hal Rosenbluth, said the studio is already getting calls from productions that have not filmed with the studio but are interested in the backlot.

"Since we put up the construction gate, every production that has been here has utilized the street for a shot of some kind," Rosenbluth said.

Sen. Schumer made a bold prediction: "I think [Councilman Jimmy van Bramer] said that we want to be known as Hollywood East. I predict that a few decades from now, Hollywood will be known as New York West."

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In the Big Apple

New York is already home to a few large studios:

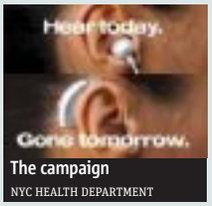
- **Steiner Studios in Brooklyn**, where HBO's "Girls" is filmed
- **Silvercup Studios in Long Island City**, where Tina Fey's show "30 Rock" was filmed
- **Kaufman Studios**, home not only to "Sesame Street," but also the hit Netflix women's prison show, "Orange Is the New Black"

Hollywood East

"They already do big movies, they've got 'Men In Black III'-caliber movies. But this is going to allow them to do even more going forward, which is really important."

Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer

Turn it up



The campaign
NYC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department ad campaign targets loud headphones

The city's Health Department launched an ad campaign Tuesday warning against the dangers of loud headphones.

"Listening to headphones at high volume for too long can damage your hearing," Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley said in a statement. "If you want to continue to enjoy music in the future, you'll turn down the volume today."

The ads, which will appear in subway cars, online and on the radio, encourage New Yorkers to turn down the volume to avoid ringing in the ears or irreversible hearing loss. Music at high volumes can injure delicate hair-like cells within the inner ear that convert vibrations into the sound that we hear.

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By the numbers

25%

The city reports that one in four adults 18 to 44 years old who use headphones have hearing problems.

Billy Joel to play residency at MSG

Billy Joel will become the first music franchise of Madison Square Garden, the arena announced.

Joel joins the New York Knicks, Rangers and Liberty as a Garden franchise, performing one concert a month at the arena. The first show is scheduled for Jan. 27 but is sold out — as are the next three.

Joel has a long-running relationship with Madison Square Garden. He first performed there in 1978 and has played 46 engagements since then. He gave 12 performances in a row at the venue in 2006.

"Performing at Madison Square Garden is a thrilling experience. I've played different venues all over the world, but there's no place like coming home to the Garden," Joel said.

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Billy Joel will play one show a month. / GETTY IMAGES

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NTSB: No mechanical problems with train

Questions. The brakes apparently worked fine on the Metro-North train that derailed.

The National Transportation Safety Board has found no issues with the brake system on the Metro-North train that derailed on Sunday.

Ruling out mechanical failure seems to suggest the cause of Sunday's fatal derailment was the product of human error, but NTSB Board Member Earl Weener said it is still too early to reach that conclusion. As of Tuesday afternoon, Weener said, the engineer who had been driving the train was still being interviewed by investigators.

Reports have suggested that the engineer may have "dozed off" moments before the derailment. Weener said investigators still do not have enough information about the seconds before the crash to determine whether that is the case. Alcohol breath tests of all of the crew members were negative, Weener said. The results of drug tests are still pending.

Years with Metro-North

15

The engineer who was driving the train on Sunday has worked for Metro-North for 15 years, Weener said. He has been an engineer for 10 years, and has driven this route full-time since Nov. 17, regularly making two round-trip runs each day.

Four people died and 70 were injured when the commuter train derailed in the Bronx on Sunday. / GETTY IMAGES

High-tech solutions

A system called "positive train control" has been discussed in the days following the derailment as a possible safeguard in such situations. Weener noted that the NTSB has been pushing for PTC for Metro-North for some time.

- PTC has prevented a range of incidents, from train-to-train collisions, incursions into work zones and overspeed derailments.
- Congress mandated in 2008 that Metro-North and several other railroad entities install PTC systems by 2015. But the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the body that oversees Metro-North, has repeatedly said they simply cannot meet that deadline.
- On Tuesday, the MTA put out a statement responding to Weener's comments, affirming their commitment to implementing a PTC system "on the most aggressive schedule possible," but noting several challenges.
- They also noted that they are short on funding for the $900 million system, but vowed to "make sure the appropriate funding is made."

Added security

"For more than 20 years, the NTSB has recommended the implementation of PTC technology."

Earl Weener

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Vicious attack

Man choked, robbed inside Lower East Side elevator

A 45-year-old man was attacked by a trio of robbers inside the elevator of his Lower East Side apartment building earlier this month, police said.

The incident occurred shortly after 11 p.m. on Nov. 23 when the victim and the suspects boarded the same elevator inside the building near Henry and Clinton streets.

A surveillance camera captured the terrifying crime, showing the victim surrounded by two male suspects and one female suspect. As he tries to exit the elevator, one of the men puts the victim in a choke hold and brings him to the ground. The two other suspects then go through his pockets and rob him.

When they are finished, they leave the man lying inside the elevator and send him to a higher floor, before fleeing the scene.

Tips

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Under Investigation

Man dies after being shot in East Harlem

A man died after being shot in the neck in front of an East Harlem hosing project in broad daylight Monday, police said.

Officers found Joseph Osbourne, 29, with a gunshot wound to his neck in front of Taft Houses on Madison Avenue about 3:40 p.m.

Emergency personnel declared Osbourne dead at the scene, police said.

The motive for the shooting is still under investigation and police officials said that there were still no suspects as of Tuesday.

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Rockefeller Christmas tree to be lit tonight

This year's holiday tree is a 12-ton spruce. / GETTY IMAGES

Spectacular. Thousands of lights on the Rockefeller Christmas tree will be lit Wednesday.

Nothing quite marks the beginning of the holiday season like the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree Lighting.

With the flick of a switch, 45,000 multi-colored and energy efficient LED lights on the 76-foot, 12-ton spruce will be lit Wednesday at 8:55 p.m. in Rockefeller Plaza.

Prior to the lighting, NBC New York will stream a two-hour holiday special beginning at 7 p.m. The "Christmas in Rockefeller Center" show begins at 8 p.m., with performances from Mary J. Blige, Goo Goo Dolls, Mariah Carey, Kelly Clarkson and others.

The tree will be up through Jan. 7, lit 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. every day and 24 hours on Christmas Day.

Roads will be closed 3 to 11 p.m. from West 48th Street to West 51st Street between Fifth and Sixth Avenues, according to the NYPD. Police recommend that spectators take mass transit.

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How to watch

The tree will be lit on TV at 8:55 p.m. on NBC.

- The closest subways for live viewing are the B/D/F/M to Rockefeller Center, N/R/Q to 49th Street and E to Fifth Avenue-53rd Street.

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City living. Midtown ZIP is home to most chain stores in city

The ZIP code containing Midtown and Koreatown has the most national food and retail chains of any neighborhood in the city, according to a new report.

The 10001 ZIP code, where the Manhattan Mall is located, has 184 chains, according to a report released Tuesday by the Center for an Urban Future.

The report found that, overall, the number of chain stores in the city increased only half a percent in the last year, the smallest expansion since 2008. Between 2011 and 2012, the number of chains grew 2.4 percent.

Despite having the highest number of national chains — 2,779 total — the number of chain locations decreased on Manhattan. Brooklyn saw the largest increase in chains since last year, with 2.8 percent.

All the same

The 10001 ZIP code contains Midtown and Koreatown in Manhattan.

- Dunkin Donuts has the most stores of a national chain in NYC.
- The number of chain stores decreased in Manhattan this year but increased in Brooklyn.

With 515 shops, Dunkin' Donuts is the first national chain with more than 500 locations in New York City and has the most locations for the sixth consecutive year.

T-Mobile closed the most locations in the past year, the report found, with only 161 locations remaining in the five boroughs.

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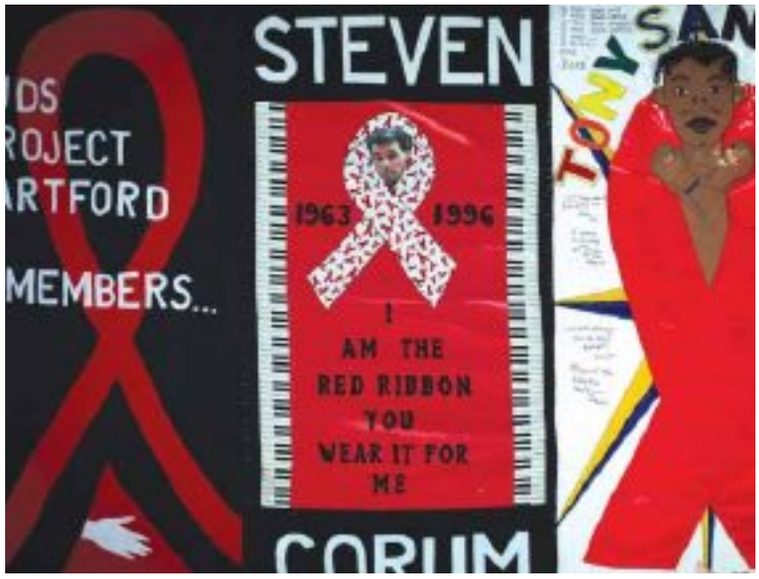

AIDS Memorial Quilt on display

Panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed at the City College of New York this week to commemorate World AIDS Day, which was Sunday. The quilt started in 1987 when San Franciscans began memorializing those who died from AIDS on 3-by-6-foot panels. More than 48,000 panels, many commemorating the life of someone lost to AIDS, have now been sewn together by loved ones. / GETTY IMAGES

Pervert

Man exposes himself to laundromat employee

Police are searching for a man they say exposed himself to a female laundromat employee in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

Police say the incident occurred in the early morning hours of Oct. 14, about 6:30 a.m. The male suspect, estimated to be about 5-foot-8, barged into a laundromat at 204 Bushwick Ave., just a block and a half from the Montrose L subway station. The NYPD asks that anyone with information regarding this incident call 1-800-577-TIPS. All callers may remain anonymous.

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Complaints

Frequent flyer faces turbulence in Supreme Court case

U.S. Supreme Court justices voiced skepticism on Tuesday about whether an airline customer could sue after being thrown out of a frequent flyer program.

Some of the nine justices expressed sympathy for consumers potentially being unfairly treated by airlines but, during an hourlong oral argument, the majority appeared concerned that a ruling for the flyer, Rabbi Binyomin Ginsberg, could upset the federal system for regulating airlines.

The federal Airline Deregulation Act says states have no say in regulating the price, route or service of an air carrier.

The law is relevant to the case because when Ginsberg sued Northwest Airlines Corp., he claimed breach of contract under Minnesota state law, which includes good faith and fair dealing requirements.

Ginsberg sued in 2009, saying he and his wife were thrown out of the program a year earlier for filing too many service complaints.

He said the airline told him it took action in part because he allegedly sought compensation after booking reservations on full flights, knowing he would be bumped to another flight.

Ginsberg said his complaints involved only a small portion of the flights he took on Northwest and were limited to such issues as long waits for luggage and not being notified about flight cancellations. REUTERS

Complaints filed

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Northwest said he filed 24 complaints and that the contract allowed it to terminate membership for abuse of the program at its sole discretion.

Detroit eligible for bankruptcy protection

About 40 percent of the city's streetlights do not work and about 78,000 abandoned buildings litter the city, whose population peaked at 1.8 million in 1950. / GETTY IMAGES

Burdened. Detroit is $18.5 billion in debt as it struggles to provide the most basic services to residents.

Detroit is eligible for the biggest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history because the city is broke and negotiations with its thousands of creditors were unfeasible, a federal judge said on Tuesday in a wide-ranging ruling that also said the city could cut retiree pensions.

The ruling by U.S. Judge Steven Rhodes marks a watershed in the history of Detroit, once the cradle of the U.S. auto industry and now a symbol of urban decay and mismanagement.

Detroit's state-appointed emergency manager, Kevyn Orr, had painted bankruptcy as Detroit's best bet for a return to financial stability, and Rhodes' ruling will now give Orr and other civic leaders an opportunity to test that argument.

"It is indeed a momentous day," Rhodes said as he read aloud for more than an hour from a written statement in a packed courtroom.

Detroit's labor unions, retirees and pension funds, all of which will likely bear the brunt of austerity measures Orr plans to impose, had argued against the city's bankruptcy in a nine-day eligibility trial. REUTERS

Quoted

"We have here a judicial finding that this once-proud and prosperous city cannot pay its debts." Rhodes

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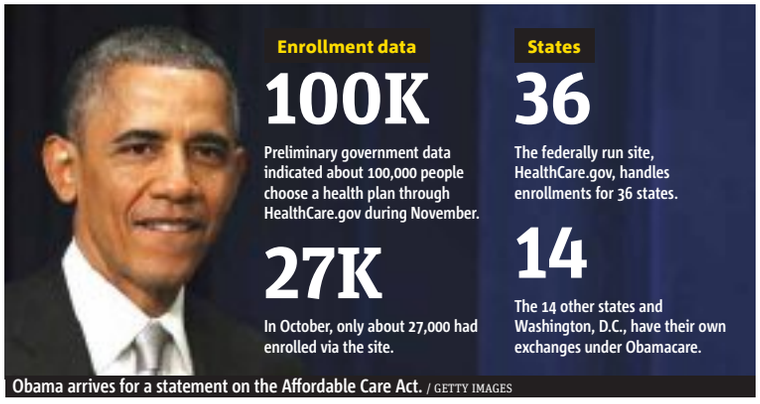
Obama urges Americans not to be discouraged by rollout

Website. Obama is struggling to contain political damage from the troubled rollout of the health law.


Enrollment data
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Preliminary government data indicated about 100,000 people choose a health plan through HealthCare.gov during November.
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In October, only about 27,000 had enrolled via the site.
States
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The federally run site, HealthCare.gov, handles enrollments for 36 states.
14
The 14 other states and Washington, D.C., have their own exchanges under Obamacare.
Obama arrives for a statement on the Affordable Care Act. / GETTY IMAGES

President Barack Obama urged Americans not to be discouraged by the rocky rollout of HealthCare.gov on Tuesday and vowed to fix whatever glitches remain as he sought to restore confidence in his leadership.

Obama used a speech at the White House to address criticisms of the law and accuse his Republican opponents of attempting to gain politically from the problems surrounding his central domestic policy achievement.

Obama, whose job approval ratings have sunk as problems mounted around the health care system's website, said repairs to the website have now made it work well for the vast majority of users and that "we're going to keep on working to fix whatever problems come up."

In his speech, he said Republican lawmakers are "rooting for this law to fail" and have offered no alternative to the law other than repealing it, which he rejected as a possibility.

His message to them, he said, is: "We're not going back."

"If you've got good ideas, bring them to me, let's go," he said. "But we're not repealing it as long as I'm president."

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Quoted

"Do not let the initial problems with the website discourage you, because it's working better now. ... And it's going to keep on working better over time." Obama

French tests

Arafat did not die of poisoning

Yasser Arafat was not the victim of poisoning, French forensic tests concluded on Tuesday, countering the theory put forward by a Swiss report on the 2004 death of the Palestinian leader.

The French conclusions were immediately challenged by his widow Suha Arafat, who has argued the death was a political assassination by someone close to her husband. A senior Palestinian official dismissed the report as "politicized."

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Hamid Karzai

NATO urges Afghan president to sign US security pact quickly

NATO leaders urged Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Tuesday to swiftly sign a security pact that would enable some U.S. troops to stay in Afghanistan after 2014, saying failure to do so could jeopardize security and foreign aid.

U.S. and NATO officials have warned that if Karzai does not sign the security deal with the United States promptly, both the United States and the alliance would have to withdraw all troops from Afghanistan by the end of 2014 and abandon plans to leave behind a smaller training and advisory force.

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US agrees to loosen prison restrictions for accused Boston bomber

Tsarnaev. He has pleaded not guilty to all charges. If convicted, he faces possible execution.

U.S. officials on Tuesday agreed to loosen prison restrictions on accused Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev that the 20-year-old's lawyers have argued made it difficult to mount an effective defense.

In papers filed in U.S. District Court in Boston, officials said they had modified the special rules of Tsarnaev's confinement to allow his attorneys to discuss his statements with third parties to help them prepare their defense.

The new rules also allow additional people, including a mental health specialist, to meet with him without an attorney present.

Prosecutors contend that Tsarnaev and his older brother, Tamerlan, killed a university police officer three days later in an unsuccessful attempt to steal his weapon as they prepared to flee the city.

Tamerlan, 26, died later that night in a gun battle with police. Dzhokhar got away, prompting a daylong lockdown of most of the Boston area as police searched for him. Dzhokhar was found hiding in a dry-docked boat in a backyard in Watertown, Mass., on April 19.

Tsarnaev is kept separate from other inmates at the prison facility west of Boston where he is being held awaiting trial. REUTERS

Tsarnaev at his arraignment in federal court / POOL SKETCH

Bombs

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Tsarnaev is accused of planting two homemade pressure-cooker bombs at the crowded finish line of the marathon on April 15, killing three people and injuring more than 260.

The Guardian

British editor to parliament: Snowden data now secure

Britain's Guardian newspaper has published less than 1 percent of the information leaked by Edward Snowden and kept the rest secure, editor Alan Rusbridger told a parliamentary committee.

Summoned by parliament's home affairs select committee as part of its counter-terrorism inquiry, Rusbridger defended his decision to publish the leaks as some lawmakers suggested he had helped terrorists by making top secret information public and by transmitting it to other news organizations.

"We have published I think 26 documents so far out of the 58,000 we've seen, or 58,000-plus," he said. "So we have made very selective judgements about what to print." REUTERS

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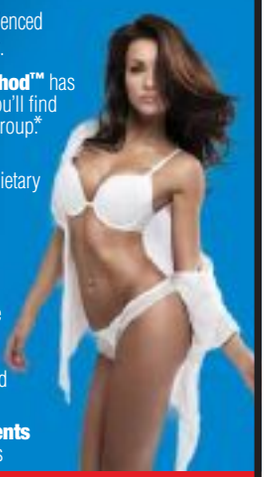

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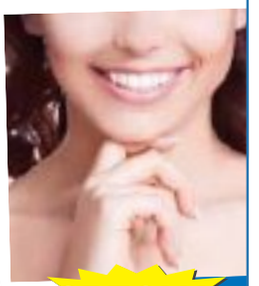

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Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Arnold Schwarzenegger is finding it to be a small world, Elizabeth Hurley is taking it easy, Lena Dunham is feeling her age and Steve Martin is getting used to new technology.

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Traveled all the way to Tokyo to promote Escape Plan. Chef at the hotel is from my hometown! What are the odds?

@ElizabethHurley
Snuggling back under the duvet after having to let favourite Labrador out....

@lenadunham
Just saw a teenage couple rolling on the ground, the boy moaning in pain. Asked if they needed help and they bolted. And so it begins...

@SteveMartinToGo
Amazon drone trying to pretend it's my hat to enter posh party. I'm okay with that.

Chord Overstreet is in love with Sandra Bullock

There's apparently only one woman that "Glee" star Chord Overstreet is interested in: Sandra Bullock. And it is adorable.

Overstreet professed his love for the "Gravity" star during a visit to Ellen DeGeneres' talk show, offering a plea directly to the camera: "Sandra, would you go out with me?" he asked. "Oh, and it would be amazing if you could just respond right now so I'm not left waiting."

Overstreet admits that he hasn't had the chance to make his pitch in person, as the one time he and Bullock were at the same event he was too shy to approach her. "I saw her from a distance at one of those red carpet things and I was a little bit too scared to talk to her," he said. "She was that beautiful."

He may have a chance — Bullock has been known to have a thing for younger men. In 2002 she dated Ryan Gosling, who is 16 years her junior.

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'Tis the season for Jingle Balls

Flo Rida got into the holiday spirit with a crushed blue velvet jacket for the 106.1 KISS FM's Jingle Ball 2013 concert in Dallas on Monday night. He performed alongside of Selena Gomez, Fall Out Boy and Austin Mahone at the concert, which is part of the national iHeartRadio Jingle Ball 2013 Tour, the annual music event which stops in Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Chicago, Minneapolis, Atlanta, New York, Boston (Dec. 14, TD Garden), Washington D.C., Tampa and Miami.

Walker's crash: Drag racing not involved

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Despite earlier rumors that Paul Walker and Roger Rodas were possibly drag racing a 2005 Porsche Carrera GT on Saturday at the time of their deaths, police are now saying that is not the case.

The L.A. County Sheriff's Department's preliminary assessment is that they were simply going too fast (around 40 to 45 mph) around a bend and Rodas just lost control.

Autopsies are tentatively scheduled for today.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Talking points

Ora signs on to 'Fifty Shades'

British singer Rita Ora is making the move to the big screen — she'll be portraying Christian Grey's younger adopted sister Mia in the upcoming adaptation of "Fifty Shades of Grey."

"It's official! I've been cast in @FiftyShades of Grey as Christian's sister Mia. #FiftyShades," she tweeted.

Brolin and Lane are finito

Josh Brolin and Diane Lane have finalized their divorce and are officially single, according to E! News. The couple was married for eight years before Lane filed for divorce in February. "It is very amicable," a source says. "It's not ugly, it's just over." Lane is currently gearing up to film "Batman vs. Superman," while Brolin most recently checked himself into rehab for alcohol abuse.

Phantogram's grown-up fantasy

Electro. These old friends are making adult music now.

Most people are lucky if they still keep in touch with their childhood best friend, much less still hang out with them. Sarah Barthel and Josh Carter (who have been friends since attending middle school in a tiny, bucolic upstate New York town) still hang out and work together, making dreamy, fuzzed-out electro-pop as Phantogram.

They've channeled their easy chemistry into their new self-titled EP, which is alternately infectious and haunting, or both. "Being friends for so long, there's some kind of magical power behind that," says Carter.

These days, their bedroom project has turned into a full band, for which they handpicked the new members. "The drummer, Chris Carhart, was a friend of Sarah's. I was a little apprehensive, because we tried out 15 different drummers and she was like, 'What about my buddy Chris?' And I said, 'I don't know, he probably sucks because he's your friend,'" Carter says. Barthel laughs.

The pair's teen influences range from Beastie Boys and Public Enemy (his) to Sisqo and NSYNC (hers). "The first Beastie Boys record, my mom was like, 'What the heck!,'" Carter says. "I was lucky enough to have a really cool older brother, so I got exposed to My Bloody Valentine at a young age, and Sonic Youth, when everyone else my age only knew FM radio."

"I was always so jealous of all the cool music he was exposed to," Barthel jumps in. "His parents would listen to The Beatles and Pink Floyd and lots of jazz. My first concert was New Kids On The Block. And it was f—ing awesome! Donny fell through the stage. We all thought it was supposed to happen, but I guess he didn't mean to fall through the stage. He was my favorite New Kid, so I was really upset."

Carter ribs her inaudibly and she laughs at herself. These lifelong friends must really live it up on the road, right?

"Usually we just get super pumped on Redbull and play hackysack, dance around in our JNCOs," Carter deadpans.

Ed note: We're pretty sure they do not wear JNCO jeans while on tour, or ever. But if they do, that's awesome.

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Rhea Perlman reunites with a fellow "Cheers" alum on the new sitcom "Kirstie," premiering tonight at 10 on TV Land. / WIREIMAGE

Interview. Rhea Perlman returns to full-time sitcom work with "Kirstie."

As Carla Tortelli on "Cheers," Rhea Perlman spent 11 seasons openly antagonizing the patrons and staff of a Boston bar. On "Kirstie," her first regular sitcom gig in ages, she's only somewhat antagonistic, including to fellow "Cheers" alum Kirstie Alley. Perlman plays the best friend/assistant of Alley's Broadway diva, who reconnects with a son (Eric Petersen) she'd given up for adoption. For the record, in person she's not remotely antagonistic.

What made you want to come back to full-time sitcom work?
I love my sitcom days. It's the coolest job in acting. It's live, which is very rare and fabulous. You get to rehearse for four days then do it in front of an audience. It's a mixture of being on stage and being on film.

Your character's relationship with Alley is a lot less antagonistic than on "Cheers."
This one, I really care about her. [Laughs] On "Cheers," Carla, she was fine with her, and she was better with her than with Diane. But she didn't care about her.

You've only done a handful of episodes so far. How easy is it finding the show's voice so early on?
I feel like, as with any show in its first year, you start finding it, and the writers start finding it, and the actors start finding it. If we're lucky enough to have another season, it will continue to be found. I love the medium because there's no beginning, middle or end. You just get to continue developing the character, to find where she's from and where she can go.

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Here's to 'Cheers'

The legend

Perlman says TV Land has been very supportive of their new show. It reminds her of another program. "The legend with 'Cheers' is, our first two years, we were at the bottom of the ratings. But the network loved the show, and we knew they loved the show," she recalls.

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Long live the gutter noir

Drama. "Out of the Furnace" is a lot more gritty fun than "The Place Beyond the Pines."

Woody Harrelson converses with Christian Bale in "Out of the Furnace." / KERRY HAYES

This year has seen a trio of high-profile dramas with major actors dirtying themselves as low-income Northeasterners. First came "The Place Beyond the Pines," then "Prisoners" and now "Out of the Furnace," each convinced that rubbing noses in grit and bad neck tattoos is a shortcut to quality. "Out of the Furnace" goes the furthest into unpleasantness. Not at all coincidentally, it's the best of the bunch — the only one that would rather be an authentic gutter noir instead of an awards-gobbler.

The story is impossible to relate without spoiling major events, but here goes: It starts with Russell (Christian Bale), a blue collar Rust Belt dweller who does something bad and goes to jail — but that's not the plot. He's out in very little screentime, then disappears for most of the second act. Instead it shifts to his brother Rodney (Casey Affleck), a soldier who channels his PTSD into a nasty underground boxing circle and gets involved with a clan of inbred psychos led by a mumbling Woody Harrelson.

The snaky structure will be a liability for many, even for its admirers. Writer/director Scott Cooper (of the more staid "Crazy Heart") keeps changing his focus. He dwells on events, like Russell's jail time, that should be backstory.

"Out of the Furnace" isn't really about any one thing. It's all plot — well, plot and mood and a vivid, enveloping, claustrophobic sense of place. Like "The Place Beyond the Pines," it jerks the audience through a three-part narrative. But the unpredictability of the narrative is even more exciting, because it's less obvious where it will end.

More importantly, it's less insistent, its characters more internalized, its actors less showoff-y. Harrelson is peerlessly ornery, but this is the kind of film where the quieter characters — notably Willem Dafoe's low-rent, vaguely sad-sack bookie — can sneak in and subtly steal the movie.

Review

'Out of the Furnace'

Director: Scott Cooper

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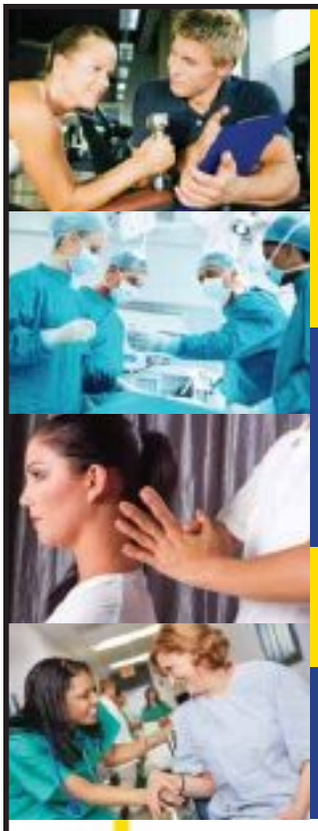

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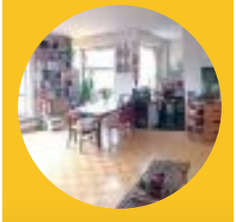

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Comps get complicated

Real Estate. In high-velocity market, brokers are having more difficulty pricing properties.

Last month, Extell Development pulled the condominium units at its new residential tower at One Riverside Park off the market to adjust pricing. The price tags at the 35-story glass-and-limestone building were simply too low, the developer said, and 70 of the property's 219 units had flown off the shelf in the 10 days. The move goes to show that even master developers are having difficulties pricing for the velocity of the market.

The brokerage community has had to readjust its pricing strategies in the last year, as supply has continued to dwindle. The limited inventory means there are fewer potential comps, or comparable sales and listings, to stack a listing against. Plus, buyers are looking at different neighborhoods, opening up a whole new world.

"A year ago, I would nail [the price tag] every time," said Jason Haber, the founder of boutique brokerage Rubicon Property. "What's happened now is that pricing has become much more of an art form than a science."

In the third quarter, inventory hit historic lows, with just 4,567 total co-op and condo apartments available for sale, a 21.9 percent decrease from last year, according to a recent report by Douglas Elliman.

Meanwhile, sales volume was frenzied, hitting the second-highest level in Manhattan in 24 years, with 3,837 sales during the period.

"In the past, you've looked at the markets on a quarterly basis, but this is a monthly market," said Todd Jacobs, founder of Bold New York. "What happened two months ago, or even last month, is not necessarily relevant this month. You have to look at it on a very micro basis, not macro." **KATHERINE CLARKE**

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Pinpointing the right price for a unit has never been more challenging. INGRAM PUBLISHING

One reason

Blame it on the luxe market

Part of the confusion about pricing for brokers stems from the fact that prices in the luxury market are rising faster than those in the middle, said Samuel DeFranceschi, a broker at Nest Seekers International.

While the median sale price of a Manhattan apartment jumped by 0.8 percent quarter-over-quarter to $872,000, according to Elliman, the average price of a luxury apartment (an apartment priced in the top 10 percent of the market) rose by 9 percent quarter-over-quarter. "You've got owners who've got their egos amped up by the fact that the market is amping up," DeFranceschi said. "They justify a price in their mind that's unrealistic [based on the luxury market]. The owners start to think that it's 2020 when it's still only 2013."

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The houseguest rules

Try to show up on time, says Ryan. / ZOONAR

Advice. Don't cramp anyone's style even if you're cramped in their space.

Being a houseguest can be more uncomfortable than a fold-out couch and a lumpy pillow. Sharing space with friends and family is often a given during the bustle of the holidays, but it doesn't have to be as awkward as a midnight trip to an unknown bathroom. As the CEO and founder of the lifestyle blog Apartment Therapy, Maxwell Ryan knows his way around a cramped apartment, which is why we asked him for his tips on how to survive a stay at someone else's home in style.

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A smooth arrival

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†Maximum person household size is six and maximum income varies by household size. Minimum incomes noted in the chart below are approximate and are based on a purchaser contributing a 5% downpayment. Eligible buyers should have a minimum of 5% of the purchase price available for down payment, be able to afford all closing costs and qualify for 95% mortgage financing. **Eligible incomes for one and two person households are lower than noted below and will require a larger downpayment than 5%.**

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Your host will appreciate your help in the kitchen. / WAVEBREAK MEDIA

as a guest is the planes, trains and automobiles that get you there. Ryan says that these transitional moments can be loaded with tension for hosts and it's on the guest to be clear and consistent about their arrival times.

"If you're supposed to arrive at 6 p.m. on a Friday and you don't get there until 7 and there are multiple text messages about where you are, it's exhausting," he says. "What's really helpful to a host is if you arrive and depart on time." Another plus: guests figuring out how to get where they're going on their own.

Host(ess) gifts

Arrive with a gift in hand, recommends Ryan. "I think it's better to show up with a gift than to leave a gift," Ryan says. A gift given at the beginning "covers" your stay, if you will. "Sure, leaving a bottle of wine isn't an insult, but arriving with a token of appreciation shows a host that you thought of them beforehand."

Respect their schedule

Ryan says that the simplest way to diffuse scheduling mayhem as a houseguest is to respect and adapt to the routines of the hosts, which can mean asking for specifics and communicating clearly about schedules to make it easier for everyone.

"What's interesting perhaps is that the point of it is to be a great guest, because you might not have a great host," he says. "There are going to be some great people out there in the world who are not the best hosts."

Go away

Giving your host some time off can be key to making a stay comfortable for all parties involved, Ryan says. "No matter what your situation is, plan to have some time away from your hosts, and let them know that they don't have to take care of you the whole time," he suggests. "Being independent is a really nice strong signal to send to your hosts."

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Ryan's tips to houseguest heaven

- Be observant of how your host's household runs. That way you won't have to ask too many questions.
- Keep the bathroom clean and dry. "In our own homes we don't mind the water sputters, but when you're a guest it means the bathroom is being used more than it would be, so give everything a little wipe down when you're done."
- Offer to chip in for groceries. "[The offer] doesn't have to be accepted, and that's OK, but at least you can say you offered."
- Make a good effort to figure something out before asking your host — be a quick study.

Contribute

Be tidy

Towels on the floor might work in your apartment, but they'll get you to persona non grata status if you're a guest in another person's home. Ryan's advice is simple: "Leave the house cleaner than you found it. Put away all the dishes, wipe down the counters, clean the floors." While you're at it, get in on some sous chef duties — or whip up your own contribution to any shared meals. It doesn't hurt, Ryan says, to offer to chip in for groceries or pick up a nice dessert or bottle of wine to go with a meal.

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED APARTMENTS FOR RENT

West 62nd Street Apartments is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for 68 affordable rental apartments under construction at 160 West 62nd Street, at the southeast corner of West 62nd Street and Amsterdam Avenue, in Manhattan. This building is being constructed with financing provided through the 80/20 Housing Program of New York State Homes and Community Renewal. The size, rent, and income requirements of the 68 apartments are as follows:

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2	3 Bedroom	$1,054	4 5 6	$37,200 - $42,950 $37,200 - $46,400 $37,200 - $49,850

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0	2 3 4	2 Bedroom	$774	$25,103 - $27,520 $25,103 - $30,960 $25,103 - $34,360

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Paul Smith is flitting between an official photographer and a gaggle of student iPhone snaparazzi at a new exhibition, "Hello, My Name Is Paul Smith," at The Design Museum, London. The avuncular 67-year-old has a rather impressive way of combining the eager-to-please affability of a local shopkeeper with the corporate nous of a global empire proprietor. Sir Paul — a title he almost declined — excels at being a man of the people (politicians, take heed).

The designer eschews the pretension of high fashion for humanism, a style that's clear in the exhibition's charming curation: fine art pieces flank knickknacks from fans. Just don't call it a retrospective: "I've got enough stuff for five separate exhibitions," he admits.

When was the last time you wore something that wasn't designed by you?
[Laughs] [Age] 18. Although, if I'm on holiday and it's suddenly cold and I haven't got a sweater, I might buy a classic cashmere or something.

Do you feel guilty wearing other designers?
No, I just like my stuff. I steal it from downstairs; I nick it from the shops.

You mentioned before that you expect young people to work their way up. How do you feel about unpaid internships?
We've never encouraged unpaid internships. We get five requests a week for work placements. The best we can do is say, "Why don't you come for an afternoon or day?"

How do you feel about other designers doing that kind of thing?
Well, I think there is a history of it that goes back 20 or 30 years. When people are starting out, it's supposed to be an honor to work, but I'm not really sure about that.

Real talk

You're in your late 60s now. What are the problems with the youth of today?
[Laughs] I don't think there is any problem with the youth of today — it's just different. I think because of technology people spend a lot of time looking at screens and tweeting and doing all the things that are to do with modern communication. My only advice would be to try and get the balance right between looking at screens and just enjoying the observations of life and engaging in face-to-face conversation. And I think the last 20 years have been very much about C-list and B-list celebrity, really. Andy Warhol's comment about everyone [being] famous for 15 minutes has proved to be an amazing observation.

We can see from the exhibit that your first shop was tiny. It's like a changing room.
I know. It was meant to be a shop! The point of that exhibit is to show that you can start in a way that is considered very humble and then you can grow.

You're not keen on email and computers.
Personally, I'm not into it, but I understand it. My PA and secretaries get about 600 emails a day, so I'm very IT savvy, as is the whole company. Personally, I find that the use of my own eyes, my photography, my notes works for me — but each to their own. It's about balance.

What phone do you use?
I've got an iPhone now. Jony Ive [Apple's senior vice president of design] is a friend of mine, so I'm very privileged to get some very nice gifts.

You use Instagram, but you don't take many pictures of clothes. You stick to more personal things.
Well, apparently, you know, a lot of the big commercial brands use Instagram and Facebook, but they're just pictures of their shoes or bags or whatever. Interestingly, I'm told by my IT department that there's almost never any comments — whereas with mine, we get 4,500, 5,000 comments. Not just the word "Like" but "Oh, this is whatever" or "When did you see that?"

You said of the runway, "It's £500,000 on 14 minutes." Does it seem a bit ridiculous?
Absolutely. Unfortunately, it's very much part of the process. A lot of the younger designers — and this is another reason for making this exhibition so down to earth — think that's what it's about: a fashion show and about 20 shops. Actually, it's only a tiny part of the process. Even if you have the best show in the world, but you don't make the clothes beautifully at the correct price and deliver on time and get paid, then it's all a bit of a waste of time.

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Legend of Zelda / NINTENDO

have been waiting for the system's "killer app" for more than a year now. Well, break out the non-alcoholic bubbly, because here it is.

"Super Mario 3-D World" plays like a perfect amalgamation of every Mario game that has come before it, while still managing to dole out surprise after surprise. You navigate 3-D space, like Mario 64 and Galaxy, but you do so with buds. Four-person multiplayer is the hook here, and it's a blast. The graphics, to these decrepit old eyes, look better than anything the just-released Xbox One and PS4 have yet mustered. In short, it's the best new game of the holiday season.

'The Legend of Zelda: A Link Between Worlds'

System: 3DS
Company: Nintendo
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The year was 1991. The airwaves played M.C. Hammer ad nauseum and your Super Nintendo was used to play just one cartridge, "The Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past." Now, the best "Zelda" game has a sequel. And it rules. Featuring the same top-down ultra-fast gameplay as the original, but in a unique twist, Link can make himself flat and travel along walls. This, essentially, makes the game both 2-D and 3-D at once, and is used to great effect. This new Zelda is also almost totally nonlinear, favoring a "go anywhere" approach more often seen in games like "Skyrim."

The only negative: "Super Mario 3-D World" might just have too many Marios. / NINTENDO

Business. BlackBerry is 'here to stay,' interim CEO tells customers

BlackBerry is "very much alive, thank you," Interim Chief Executive John Chen affirmed in an open letter on Monday, in which the smartphone maker committed itself to rebuilding as a niche player concentrating on the enterprise market.

Chen took over as CEO a month ago after BlackBerry abandoned a plan to sell itself.

"Our 'for sale' sign has been taken down and we are here to stay," he wrote in the letter that was addressed to "valued enterprise customers and partners." The company provided a copy of the letter to Reuters.

"In short, reports of our death are greatly exaggerated."

BlackBerry, once the leader in on-the-go email, has suffered a drastic loss of market share to Apple's iPhone as well as devices

Blackberry is remarketing the phone as a business tool.
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powered by Google's Android software. Its new smartphones have so far failed to win back customers, as Chen acknowledged in the letter.

"We know that BlackBerry devices are not for everyone. That's OK," he said.

BlackBerry has laid off thousands of workers over the last two years, and in September said it would shed more than a third of its global workforce and refocus itself on the enterprise market that vaulted it to prominence in the 1990s.

"We're going back to our heritage and roots, delivering enterprise-grade, end-to-end mobile solutions," said Chen, a turnaround artist with software maker Sybase in the late 1990s.

"The investments you've made in BlackBerry infrastructure and solutions are secure. I will keep the lines of communication open as we navigate through this transition."

Rather than sell itself, BlackBerry said early last month it would raise $1 billion in a convertible notes offering led by Fairfax Financial Holdings, its largest shareholder.

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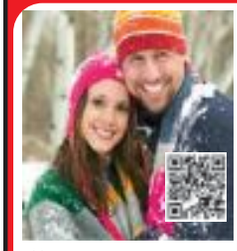

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Elderly people definitely still having sex

Location of study: U.S.
Study subjects: 3,005 men and women, 57-85
Results: American seniors maintain an active sex life well into old age, according to a new study published in the New England Journal of Medicine. In the study group, more than a quarter of people over 85 said they had sex in the past year. Half of the sexually active participants reported having at least one sexually related problem, however, and one out of seven men said they had used Viagra or other substances to improve their sexual function.
Significance: The figures could relate to seniors staying healthier and more active later in life nowadays. In addition, the figures were likely affected by the fact that the seniors were more inclined to talk about sexual activity than previous generations. Georgeanne Patmios of the National Institute on Aging, the study's main funder, says that studying sex provides insight into the overall health of seniors — sexual problems could be red flags for other conditions.

We hate to break it to you, but your grandparents are probably getting it on right now. / FUSE

Malaria bug could herald a new treatment

Location of study: U.S.
Study subjects: Laboratory study
Results: A key metabolic enzyme that common malaria parasites require for survival has been identified, according to a study by researchers at Columbia University Medical Center.
Significance: Malaria is one of the world's deadliest diseases. "Perhaps the most exciting aspect of our findings is that this enzyme is required at all stages of the parasite's life cycle in humans," says study co-first author Marcus C.S. Lee, PhD, associate research scientist at CUMC. "This is important because most anti-malarials [kill] the parasites only as they circulate in the bloodstream. However, the parasites can hide in the liver for years. ... By identifying this enzyme, we may be able to develop a new way to kill the parasites in their dormant stage."

Sorry, you're not "healthy fat"

Location of study: Canada
Study subjects: Data study of 61,386 volunteers
Results: According to a report in the Annals of Internal Medicine, so-called "healthy obesity" is a myth. The term refers to overweight people who have blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar levels in what is considered the healthy range. However, the researchers found that being overweight can still increase the risk of heart disease, cardiac arrest and stroke, as well as shorten lifespan.
Significance: A staggering 69 percent of American adults 20 and over are overweight or obese.

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Health notes

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Let's get Physique-al

Erin Andrews already has a full resume — sports reporter, "Dancing with the Stars" alum — and now she can add "fitness trainer," too. **Physique 57**, which has barre studios across the city, has enlisted Andrews for a streaming workout that you can download at www.physique57.com. Andrews said: "I am a loyal client of Physique 57, so I was thrilled to have the opportunity to choreograph and participate in a streaming video." If we can get a body like hers, sign us up!

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Feeling the holiday stress?

We tend to hold a lot of that stress in our necks. This light stretch will loosen up tight neck muscles. Turn your head as far as you can to the right, looking over your shoulder. Hold for 15-20 seconds. Repeat this exercise on the left side. Do two repetitions.

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How the Rockettes get rockin' bodies

We tried a strut kick with Pelicata, left, and McCormick, right. / LENYON WHITAKER, METRO

Dance. No holiday magic here — it takes a lot of work to perform in the "Christmas Spectacular."

To get ready for their annual "Radio City Christmas Spectacular," the Rockettes have to be in, well, spectacular shape. We met up with two Rockettes — Theresa Pelicata and Amanda McCormick — for a primer on the moves that take them from rehearsal studio to stage.

The audition

Anyone interested in becoming a Rockette needs to be proficient in tap, ballet and jazz, but that's not all. "Now that [we're] revamping the show, I would even go as far as to say modern — because everything that we're doing [has] a contemporary spin," says Pelicata, who's marking her 10th season as a Rockette. Dancers must also be between 5-foot-6 and 5-foot-10½ —

Those kicks!

The Rockettes need to be sufficiently warmed up to demo their signature eye-high kicks, but they did teach us their strut kicks, which are waist-high. You wouldn't know it by looking at their kick line, but the women are actually not touching the backs of the dancers next to them, which could mess up the line's balance, Pelicata says. (Think wobbly bridges.) If you're near the stage, check out the floor. It's marked with numbers and tape for where every Rockette needs to be during a kick line.

Strut kicks

1. **Start in a bevel:** Bend your right knee and angle it to the left, so that your bunions on both feet touch. Squeeze your knee across your body (there should be no open space between your legs).
2. **Go into a passe:** Bring your toe to knee height.
3. **Kick your leg out:** Angle your right leg to the left. Doing so gives the impression of a longer, leaner leg.
4. **Return to a passe.**
5. **Return to a bevel.**

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sorry, petites. Auditions take place every April.

Tryouts are a series of dance combinations that the Rockettes learn and perform for the show's choreographer and assistant choreographers. "If you're lucky, by the end of the day you do a kick line," says Pelicata. Ultimately, 80 women get the job.

Rehearsal

Rehearsals begin in September. "Until that point, you try to stay fit," says McCormick, who's entering her fourth season. The girls rehearse six days a week, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., for six weeks.

The show

"The show is kind of a gym itself," says McCormick of the 90-minute "Spectacular," during which Rockettes strut their stuff in 2.5-inch heels. "There's so much to think about in every single dance, every single number, every single movement," Pelicata adds.

Offstage, the moves are just as choreographed. "While we're not onstage, you're getting changed for another number — coming out of 'Wooden Soldiers' into 'New York at Christmas' we have, like, 72 seconds," Pelicata says

The cool down

"After we're done with the show, our muscles are going, going, going and we need to sing them a lullaby," Pelicata says of the cool down, which includes stretching the hamstring, rotator and quad.

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Fun facts

- There are 80 Rockettes total, with 36 of them onstage at one time (some perform in afternoon shows, others at night).
- There are three "swings" who know nine routines — everyone else knows one.
- The Rockettes do their own hair and makeup.

Rock on

The warm up

The Rockettes spend about an hour warming up before each show, doing the following sequence:

- Head rolls
- Shoulder rolls
- Arm swings
- Side bends
- Torso rotations
- Knee hugs
- Slide lunges
- Calf stretches
- Butt kicks
- Power-Up*
- The Scoop**
- Backward jogging
- Hand-to-toe kicks

***The Power-Up** is great prep for "Video Game," a sequence in the show that takes place in a live-action version of a hot new Christmas game. Because the routine is full of lunges, this lunge-to-step-up works the quads.

****The signature Rockette "scoop"** is a hamstring stretch. Extend one leg forward, with weight on the back leg. Reach toward the forward foot, then scoop your arms up like you're scooping ice cream. Repeat on the other leg. "Almost before every single number you'll see some random Rockette trying to get a quick scoop in somewhere," Pelicata says.

Butt kicks get the Rockettes warmed up. / LENYON WHITAKER, METRO

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♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Work on important deals that must be completed before the end of the year. Make sure you have done your research.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Network, share your ideas and win points with people who have something to offer. Your articulate and trendy way of presenting and promoting will lead to victory.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Partnerships and money matters will experience pressure. A resourceful and quick response will save the day.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Don't get frustrated. Keep your emotions tucked away and do your job. A change in the way you think will help you handle pressure better.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. People from your past will come to mind. Make plans to reconnect before year's end. Partnerships are highlighted.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Do your best to help those in need. Favorable changes will develop in your relationships. Listen carefully and share equally.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Don't rush. Observe first, and you'll discover what will satisfy your needs. Someone you love may become unpredictable.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Socialize with friends. Be prepared to change plans at the last minute. Your ability to adapt will be appreciated. Don't feel pressured to overspend.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Impress those you work with and for. Your ideas and efforts will be well-received. Problems at home will develop if honesty is in question.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Your ability to see both sides of an issue will help keep the peace. Domestic changes may not sit well with you at first.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. You will be able to handle fine details. Socializing and putting extra effort into a personal relationship is favored. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

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Letters

GOP needs a new platform

Re: 'Obama not a very good boss' (Metro, Dec. 3) If you think Obama made the world "less safe, drove up national debt by the trillions or kept the unemployment rate at 8 percent and ruined the 'best' health care system in the world," than leave.

President Obama is basically a Republican of the 1980s-90s: financially conservative (he left the banks alone and continued to assist when necessary) and is socially liberal. Small government doesn't care who you marry, what your religion is or what a woman chooses to do with her own body. That is exactly the opposite of what a GOP run by Tea Party loons is pushing. If Republicans want to win an election, I suggest they stop bashing a man who reflects actual Republican ideals (which happen to be same as modern America's) and start looking for a candidate who can at least mimic those ideals and perhaps even progress them further. You may not win the first election, but at least your party will be respectable and gain credit with younger voters over time. Oh, and stop watching Fox.

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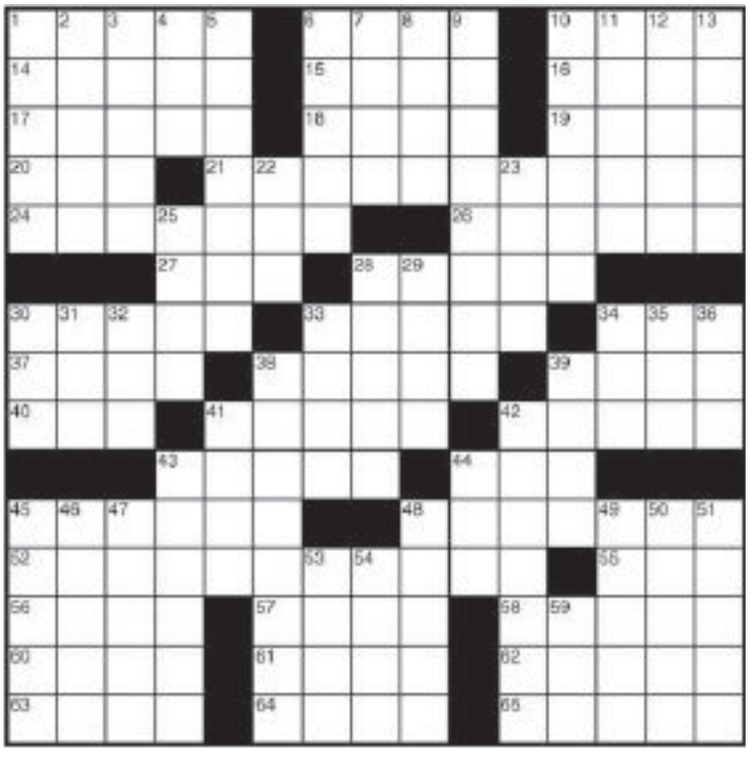

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Secondary struggles not improving with Ed Reed

NFL. Rex Ryan promised the veteran would be a contributor.

Reed was a favorite under Ryan in Baltimore, but he hasn't helped much in New York. / GETTY IMAGES

A Jets defense that weeks ago was talked about among the best in the league has fallen on hard times. The decline has coincided with the signing of veteran safety Ed Reed on Nov. 14, a move that was supposed to solidify the Jets' backend.

It hasn't.

The Jets allowed 331 passing yards last Sunday in a 23-3 loss to the Dolphins — a season-high for quarterback Ryan Tannehill. The week before in a loss at the Ravens, the secondary gave up passing plays of 66 yards (which Reed was culpable on) and 60 yards, again with the unit getting exposed over the top. In Week 11, rookie quarterback E.J. Manuel had a career-best 71.4 completion percentage in the Bills' blowout win of the Jets.

"Defensively, whether I placed too much of an emphasis on not having the ball thrown over our head — obviously that was a point of emphasis — but we've got to challenge more," head coach Rex Ryan said. "We've got to challenge more on the outside; that's a given. We didn't tackle well. There are things that we need to get better at."

A season ago, the Jets had the second-best pass defense in the league.

The Jets are currently No. 25 in the league in stopping the pass, giving up 256.8 yards per game. They have conceded 12 plays of greater than 40 yards and 22 passing touchdowns. Both numbers are among the worst in the league, despite having a pass rush among the best in the league.

Ryan on Monday said Reed will start Sunday against the Raiders. He also said Antonio Allen, a second-year safety who had a pick-six in the Week 7 win over the Patriots, would get more snaps.

"We have to do a better job of playing him," Ryan said. "I have to do a better job of putting him in there."

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Secondary struggles

Jets head coach Rex Ryan said three weeks ago that signing Ed Reed had "nothing to do with sentiment." But the numbers have not improved with the veteran.

- In the nine games before Reed's arrival, the Jets allowed a 59 percent completion percentage. In three games with Reed— all of which have been losses— that number has shot up to 67 percent.
- Without Reed in the secondary, the Jets conceded 248 passing yards per game. In the past three games with Reed, all games where he has gotten substantial snaps, the Jets have allowed an average of 283 yards per game.

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Nets shake up staff as Frank is 'reassigned'

NBA. Jason Kidd announced his former head coach will no longer be on the bench.

Frank was brought in with the idea that he would provide guidance to the inexperienced Kidd. / GETTY IMAGES

The reunion between Lawrence Frank and Jason Kidd lasted 17 games.

Before answering any questions in his pregame press conference, Kidd announced that Frank had been reassigned.

He did not use the word fired or resigned, simply saying Frank's role would be to compile "daily reports" and that he would not be sitting on the bench or be involved during practice.

Kidd did not specify beyond using the term "different philosophies" and was vague when asked about the reasoning less than two weeks after the Daily News reported there was friction between Kidd and Frank.

"This is the decision that I had to make, and we made it, and we move on," Kidd said. "This is my decision, in a sense. This is what I had to do. It's about basketball."

When Frank was brought in after being fired as head coach of the Pistons, and was viewed as a reunion. Kidd played for Frank over his final four and half seasons in New Jersey, starting in Jan. 2004 after Byron Scott was fired.

"It's just different philosophies, that's all," Kidd said, before being pressed further. "No, it's different philosophies and that's it."

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Alternate future

With the Nuggets in Brooklyn last night, Nets fans got a chance to see Brian Shaw, the Denver head coach, who interviewed and was admittedly the runner up for the job in Brooklyn behind Jason Kidd.

- "I thought I had a pretty good chance [at the job]," Shaw said Tuesday night. "I knew I was the last person to interview for the position. I knew Jason interviewed a few days before me."

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MLB. Yankees agree to seven-year deal with Jacoby Ellsbury

Either the Yankees' self-imposed $189 million budget is in doubt or the team has moved on from re-signing Robinson Cano.

Multiple reports indicate the Yankees have agreed to a deal to bring in free agent centerfielder Jacoby Ellsbury. The deal, according to reports, will be for seven years and $153 million. It also includes an option for another $16 million.

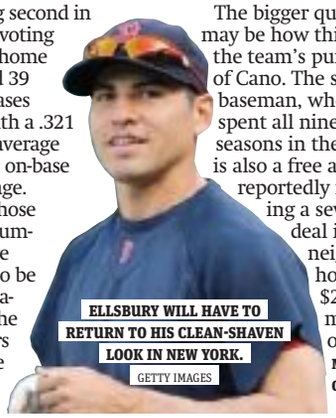
Ellsbury had a huge season in 2011 for Boston, finishing second in AL MVP voting with 32 home runs and 39 stolen bases along with a .321 batting average and .376 on-base percentage.

But those power numbers have proven to be an aberration in the two years since. He hit just four homers in 74 games in 2012 and nine in 134 games last season.

Ellsbury is an elite base stealer, however, and is a good defensive outfielder. He's led the AL in stolen bases three times, including last season with 52.

The signing could signal the end of the Yankees' pursuit of Curtis Granderson, also a centerfielder. Granderson is a free agent after playing the past four seasons in New York.

The bigger question may be how this affects the team's pursuit of Cano. The second baseman, who has spent all nine career seasons in the Bronx, is also a free agent and reportedly is seeking a seven-year deal in the neighborhood of $200 million or more.



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MLB free agency

Report: Seattle targeting Cano in free agency

The Mariners are looking long and hard at free agent second baseman Robinson Cano, several sources told ESPNNewYork.com Tuesday.

"It doesn't look too good right now," a source told the website in regard to Cano returning to the Yankees.

It is not expected that New York will be the free-spending machine it has been in the past and with Cano looking for a contract in the range of eight years and $200 million, the Yankees may be prepared to let their best position player walk. The same report indicates the Mariners are willing to make the $200 million offer Cano's side seeks.

Seattle's ownership is apparently ready to spend as the source told ESPN that the team is "desperate for hitting and desperate to put people in the ballpark."

Cano batted .314 with 27 home runs and 107 RBIs last season and has a career average of .309.

The Yankees did officially announce the signing of catcher Brian McCann on Tuesday.

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Cano was signed by the Yankees as an international free agent in 2001 and he has played all nine seasons in pinstripes. / GETTY IMAGES

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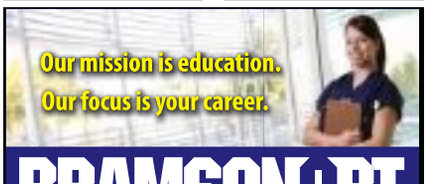

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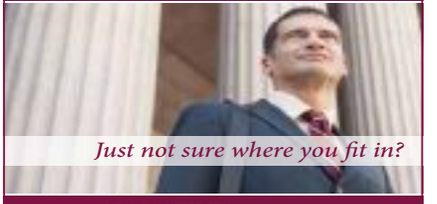

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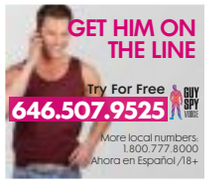

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